
SENATE BILL 6698

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1 AN ACT Relating to voter registration and informational activities
2 at institutions of higher education; amending RCW 29A.08.105 and
3 29A.08.260; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Institutions of higher education shall:

8 (1) In accordance with RCW 29A.08.310, put in place a prompt and
9 link to the secretary of state's voter registration web site;

10 (2) Make voter registration forms available in places of prominence
11 within the premises of each campus;

12 (3) In consultation with the secretary of state and the student
13 government association, or its equivalent, develop and implement
14 policies regarding distribution of voter registration forms to students
15 at the beginning of each term and in campus housing facilities; and

16 (4) Collaborate with the student government association, or its
17 equivalent, to conduct nonpartisan voter information activities, which
18 may include voter registration, candidate debates, and issue forums.

1 Responsibility for proposing such activities shall reside with the
2 student government association, or its equivalent.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.08.105 and 2004 c 267 s 105 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In compliance with the Help America Vote Act (P.L. 107-252),
6 the centralized statewide voter registration list maintained by the
7 secretary of state is the official list of eligible voters for all
8 elections.

9 (2) In all counties, the county auditor shall be the chief
10 registrar of voters for every precinct within the county. The auditor
11 may appoint registration assistants to assist in registering persons
12 residing in the county. Each registration assistant holds office at
13 the pleasure of the county auditor and must be a registered voter.

14 (3) The county auditor shall ensure that mail-in voter registration
15 application forms are readily available to the public at locations to
16 include but not limited to the elections office, and all common
17 schools, fire stations, institutions of higher education as defined in
18 RCW 28B.10.016, and public libraries.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.260 and 2004 c 267 s 118 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 The county auditor shall distribute forms by which a person may
22 register to vote by mail and transfer any previous registration in this
23 state. The county auditor shall keep a supply of voter registration
24 forms in his or her office at all times for political parties and
25 others interested in assisting in voter registration, and shall make
26 every effort to make these forms generally available to the public.
27 The county auditor shall provide voter registration forms to city and
28 town clerks, state offices, schools, fire stations, institutions of
29 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, and any other locations
30 considered appropriate by the auditor or secretary of state for
31 extending registration opportunities to all areas of the county. After
32 the initial distribution of voter registration forms to a given
33 location, a representative designated by the official in charge of that
34 location shall notify the county auditor of the need for additional

1 voter registration supplies.

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